



National Authority for Child Care

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Republic Act (RA) No. 11642, also known as the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act was signed and approved on January 6, 2022, and became effective on January 28, 2022. RA 11642 is an act strengthening alternative childcare by providing for an administrative process of domestic adoption and alternative childcare, reorganizing for the purpose of the Inter-country Adoption Board (ICAB) into the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), amending the purpose Republic Act No. 8043, Republic Act No. 11222, and Republic Act No. 10165, repealing Republic Act No. 8552, and Republic Act No. 9523, and Appropriating Funds, therefore.

The law provides for and allows simpler and inexpensive domestic administrative adoption proceedings and shall streamline services for alternative childcare. The NACC shall exercise all powers and functions relating to alternative childcare including declaring a child legally available for adoption and intercountry adoption, foster care, kinship care, family-like care, or residential care. All duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB), the DSWD, and those other government agencies relating to adoption and alternative childcare are transferred to the NACC.



Mission

To place Filipino children and individuals in need of adoption or alternative child care with suitable, secure, and nurturing families through streamlined administrative services ensuring their welfare and best interests.

Vission

All Filipino children in need of adoption or alternative care belong in a safe, loving and supportive family and community where they can thrive to become productive citizens.



NACC QUALITY POLICY

NACC is committed to upholding the best interest of children by providing effective and efficient adoption policy formulation, intercountry adoption regulatory services, entrustment services, and networking and advocacy that exceeds the needs and expectations of clients and stakeholders.

To achieve this, we shall:

Nurture a proactive stance in protecting the Filipino child from abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and/or sale or any other practices in connection with adoption which is harmful, detrimental, or prejudicial to the child;

Actively respond to the demands of international adoption by strengthening its multi-disciplinary team of experts and competent staff;
and,

Consistently comply with applicable requirements;

Continuously improve QMS with transparency, accountability, and integrity based on best practices and service excellence.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LAUNCHING OF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES OF RA 11642



Following the enactment of RA 11642 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the creation of the Omnibus Guidelines on Adoption and Alternative Child Care has facilitated the guidance of implementers and social workers in optimizing the adoption and alternative child care processes.

Presented to collaborating implementers, the newly formulated Omnibus Guidelines on Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care aim to outline the procedural framework for executing domestic administrative adoption proceedings. These procedures are specifically designed for implementation by the NACC, RACCOs, and their partnering implementers, in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 11642 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS, DIALOGUES CONFERENCES, ACTIVITIES

POLICY FORMULATION

Creation of technical working groups (TWG) for the formulation of guidelines on the following:

- Establishment of Foster Care Support Group
- Preparation of Children, Foster Families, and Birth Families for Reintegration
- Referral Pathways for Disrupted Foster Care Placement
- Philippine Foster Care Program
- Standardized Independent Living Program for Aging-out Foster Children

MONITORING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Monitoring Visits and Technical Assistance Sessions with 15 RACCOs (NCR,CAR, MIMAROPA, IV-CALABARZON I,II,III,V,VI,VII,VIII,IX,X,XI,XII)
- 13 (11-RSCC, Nayon ng Kabataan, and Elsie Gaches Village) DSWD-RCFs were visited, monitored, and provided with technical inputs on cases for CDCLAA and adoption.
- 29 CCAs visited, monitored, reviewed cases, and provided technical inputs on difficult cases for CDCLAA and adoption.
- 2 Child Placing Agencies visited
- 2 LGU Centers visited
- 1 Ceremonial Signing of MOA between the NACC/RACCO and Korbel College for BSSW Student Field Instruction/Placement with the RACCO XII.
- 14 Orientations on RA 11642 to LGUs and partner implementers
- 12 Orientations on RA 11222 (SIBRA) to LGUs and partner implementers
- 7 Courtesy Calls/Meetings with the Municipal Mayors/Representatives
- 10 Courtesy Calls/Meetings with the City Mayor/Representatives
- 4 Courtesy Calls/Meetings with the Provincial Governors/Representatives
- 19 (7-MSWDOs, 7-CSWDOs, 5-PSWDOs) Courtesy Calls/Meetings

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

ACCREDITATION & RE-ACCREDITATION

One of the Intercountry Adoption Division (ICAD) responsibilities is to deliver Regulatory Services, including Policy Formulation, Standard Setting, and Accreditation. A total of twenty-nine (29) Foreign Adoption Agencies (FAA) were assessed from January to December.

The following FAAs were issued with re-authorization certificates for the next three (3) years and have been subjected to physical validation:

1. Sourires d'Enfants - Larisa
2. Bureau Genevois d'Adoption
3. Centro Internazionale Per L'Infanzia E La Famiglia
4. Associazione Solidarieta Adozioni ONLUS
5. Associazione Amici di Don Bosco ONLUS
6. Inter-Country Adoption New Zealand
7. Adopsjonsforum
8. Save the Children
9. Wereldkinderen
10. Family International Frankfurt Inc
11. International Christian Adoption
12. Danish International Adoption
13. Sunrise Family Services Society
14. Cornerstone Adoption Agency
15. Asociacion para el Cuidado dela Infancia
16. Holt International Children's Services, Inc
17. Lifeline Children's Services
18. Nightlight Christian Adoption



MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

DOMESTIC ADOPTION & ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE

INDICATOR	RECEIVED CASES	ACCOMPLISHMENT		ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE
Number of Children Issued with CDCLAA	565	524		96.15%
Number of Children Issued with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAPA • ICA Clearance • Order of Adoption 	N/A	issued PAPA (RMC & IRM)	391	277.29%
	310	Order of Adoption (RA 11642)	117	
	58	Order of Adoption (SIBRA)	41	
	N/A	ICA Clearance	86	
Total			1159	149.74%

The Domestic Adoption Division (DAD) within the National Authority for Child Care facilitates the review and assessment of documentation, providing recommendations for the issuance of various adoption-related certifications including Certification Declaring a Child Legally Available for Adoption (CDCLAA), Intercountry Adoption (ICA) clearance, and Order of Adoption and Finality. Additionally, in collaboration with Regional Alternative Child Care Offices, DAD monitors the progress of adoption cases concerning children identified for adoption in DSWD-Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) and NGO-Child Caring Agencies (CCAs) nationwide, offering technical assistance as needed.

Continuous efforts are made by NACC-DAD to streamline processes, achieved through the issuance of policies and guidelines and significant amendments to existing protocols, aimed at enhancing the implementation of adoption programs and services.

In the period spanning from January to December 2023, the number of cases served for CDCLAA issuance is 524 (96.15% of the total), with 391 cases processed for the issuance of Pre-Adoption Placement Authority (PAPA) on Regional and Interregional Matching conferences. Additionally, 158 cases received Orders of Adoption and 86 ICA clearances, resulting in a total of 867 cases served overall (277.29% of the target).

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

DOMESTIC ADOPTION & ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE

ISSUED ORDER OF ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATE OF FINALITY THROUGH FILING OF PETITION UNDER RA 11222 (SIMULATED BIRTH RECTIFICATION ACT)

RACCO	# OF CASES RECEIVED BY NACC	TYPE OF ADOPTION			STATUS OF CASES			
		REGULAR	RELATIVE	ADULT	ISSUED WITH ORDER	ISSUED WITH FINALITY	ISSUED WITH ORDER OF DENIAL	ONGOING
NCR	5	5	0	0	2	1	0	3
CAR	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
I	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0
II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
III	7	3	2	2	3	3	0	4
CALABARZON	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
MIMAROPA	5	3	1	1	4	2	0	1
V	4	3	0	1	3	3	0	1
VI	7	5	1	1	6	11	0	1
VII	4	3	0	1	4	3	0	0
VIII	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
IX	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
X	5	3	1	1	1	2	0	4
XI	9	4	2	3	7	5	0	2
XII	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0
CARAGA	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	58	39	8	13	39	39	0	19

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

DOMESTIC ADOPTION & ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE

ISSUED ORDER OF ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATE OF FINALITY THROUGH FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION UNDER RA 11642)

RACCO	# OF CASES RECEIVED BY NACC	TYPE OF ADOPTION						ORDER	FINALITY
		REGULAR	FOSTER ADOPT	STEP-PARENT	RELATIVE	ADULT	IP		
NCR	12	2	2	0	0	0	8	5	3
CAR	23	4	0	0	13	0	6	8	4
I	14	3	0	0	4	0	7	4	2
II	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
III	22	0	1	4	12	0	5	9	7
CALABARZON	12	6	2	1	0	0	3	4	3
MIMAROPA	21	6	2	1	2	1	9	11	4
V	19	4	1	0	1	5	8	11	6
VI	19	1	1	1	7	0	9	5	2
VII	38	11	1	0	12	0	14	9	5
VIII	9	3	3	0	1	0	2	1	0
IX	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
X	21	0	1	1	12	0	7	3	1
XI	61	8	2	1	27	2	21	25	14
XII	14	1	1	0	4	0	8	5	1
CARAGA	8	0	1	0	1	3	3	0	1
TOTAL	301	52	18	10	97	11	113	101	54

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

DOMESTIC ADOPTION & ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET	ACCOMPLISHMENT	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE
Number of eligible children placed under foster care provided with subsidy	683	911	133.38%
Number of eligible children placed out for foster care	205	194	94.63

Type of Placement of Children Under Foster Care

RACCO	REGULAR	KINSHIP	DIRECT PLACEMENT	EMERGENCY	TOTAL
NCR	95	34	34	28	191
CAR	9	15	17	0	41
I	62	14	25	13	114
II	14	15	41	1	71
III	34	3	11	0	48
CALABARZON	47	7	10	2	66
MIMAROPA	10	14	18	17	59
V	22	25	15	7	69
VI	20	3	7	11	41
VII	55	4	8	18	85
VIII	15	5	20	5	45
IX	10	9	14	0	33
X	9	32	27	0	68
XI	62	12	5	15	94
XII	4	18	10	1	33
CARAGA	17	9	43	16	85
TOTAL	485	219	305	134	1143

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

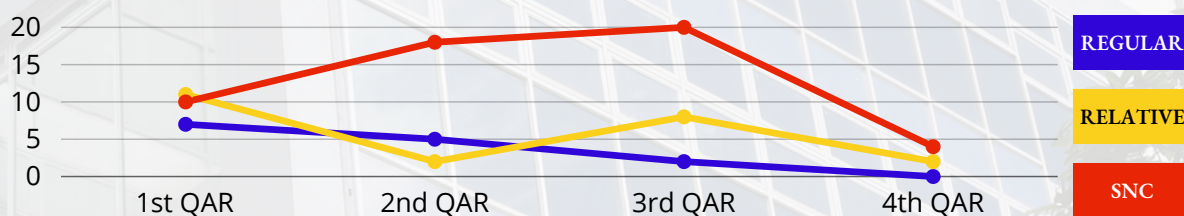
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INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

CHILDREN

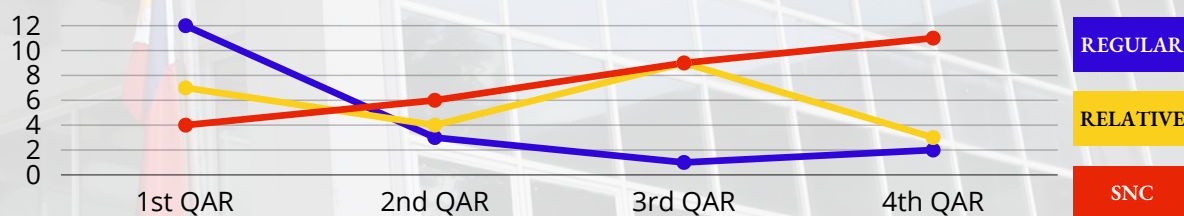
I. Cleared for Intercountry Adoption

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
REGULAR	7	5	2	0	14
RELATIVE	11	2	8	2	23
SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN	10	18	20	4	52
TOTAL	28	25	30	6	89



II. Matched and Approved

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
REGULAR	12	3	1	2	18
RELATIVE	7	4	9	3	23
SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN	4	6	9	11	30
TOTAL	23	13	19	16	71



In the reporting period, the Domestic Adoption Division (DAD) issued intercountry adoption clearance (ICA) for eighty-nine (89) new cases involving children. Additionally, seventy-one (71) cases of children were matched and approved by the Intercountry Adoption Division.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

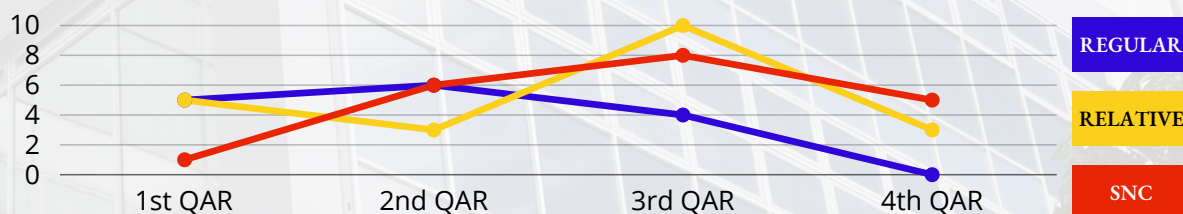
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INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

CHILDREN

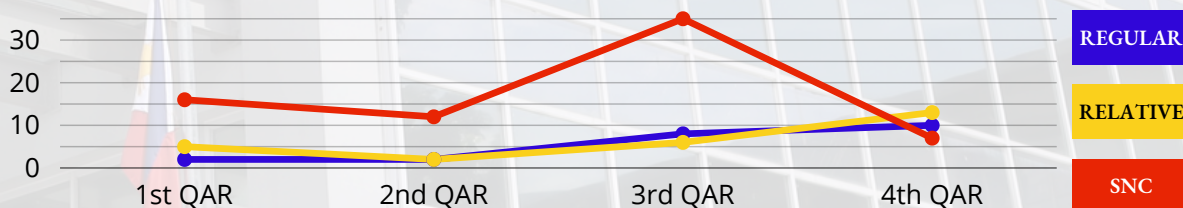
III. Accepted

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
REGULAR	5	6	4	0	15
RELATIVE	5	3	10	3	21
SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN	1	6	8	5	20
TOTAL	11	15	22	8	56



IV. Entrusted

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
REGULAR	2	2	8	10	22
RELATIVE	5	2	6	13	26
SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN	16	12	35	7	70
TOTAL	23	16	49	30	118



The Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) accepted a total of fifty-six (56) children, while one-hundred eighteen (118) children were entrusted to their PAPs. Among the 118 children, seventy (70) were Special Needs Children. The graph illustrates fluctuating trends for all types of adoption throughout the first semester, with regular adoption showing its highest peak in the 4th quarter and the lowest drop in the 2nd quarter.

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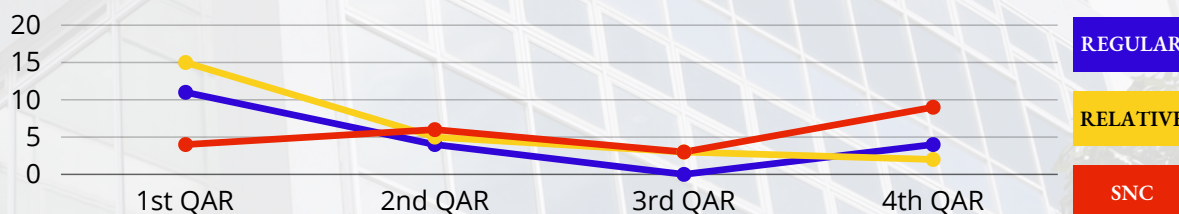
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INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS (PAPs)

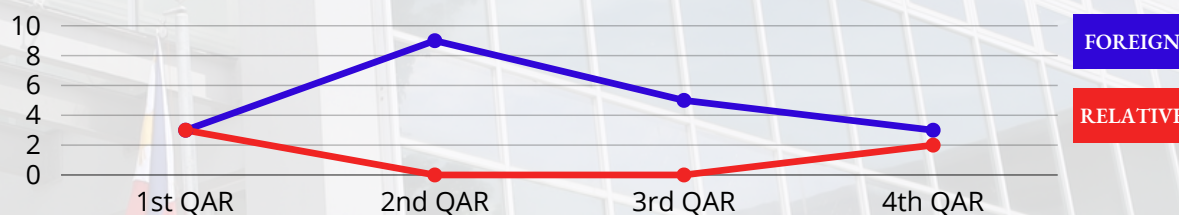
I. Application Received

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
REGULAR	11	4	0	4	19
RELATIVE	15	5	3	2	25
SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN	4	6	3	9	22
TOTAL	30	15	6	15	66



II. Application Approved

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
FOREIGN	3	9	5	3	20
FILIPINO	3	0	0	2	5
TOTAL	6	9	5	5	25



Sixty-six (66) new adoption applications underwent assessment. Of these, thirty-five (35), or 53.03% were from the USA, fifteen (23), or 22.73% were from Europe, fourteen (15) or 21.21% were from Canada, and two (4), or 3.03% were from Asia Pacific. Twenty-five (25) of these applications were added to the roster of approved applicants.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

NUMBER OF PAPs IN THE ROSTER OF APPROVED APPLICANTS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
FOREIGN	1	7	15	26	29	38	39	22	22	199
FILIPINO	0	1	1	3	4	10	7	9	4	39
TOTAL	1	8	16	29	33	48	46	31	26	238

Currently, NACC has two hundred thirty-eight (238) approved Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) awaiting child referral. Among these, thirty-nine (39) are PAPs with Filipino heritage, while one hundred ninety-nine (199) PAPs are foreigners.

ADOPTION APPLICATION STATUS

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
ON-HOLD	1	3	2	0	6
WITHDRAW	16	10	18	19	60

As per the latest update from the Roster of Approved Applications (RAA), six (6) prospective adoptive parents have sought temporary suspension of their applications. This request aims to accommodate the completion of the nurturing period requirement following the birth of their biological child.

Moreover, it has been noted that a total of sixty (60) applicants have opted to withdraw their applications. Reasons for withdrawal include the prolonged waiting period to receive a matching, attributed to the limited availability of children cleared for intercountry adoption, as well as various personal reasons cited by the applicants. Notably, the highest number of prospective adoptive parents withdrew their applications during the 2nd semester.

CHILDREN WITH FINALIZED ADOPTION

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
ADOPTION DECREE	41	49	17	10	117

One Hundred Seventeen (117) Adoption Decrees were received during the period in review. The Adoption Decrees received during the year were for the children whose placement occurred since 2017.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROGRAM

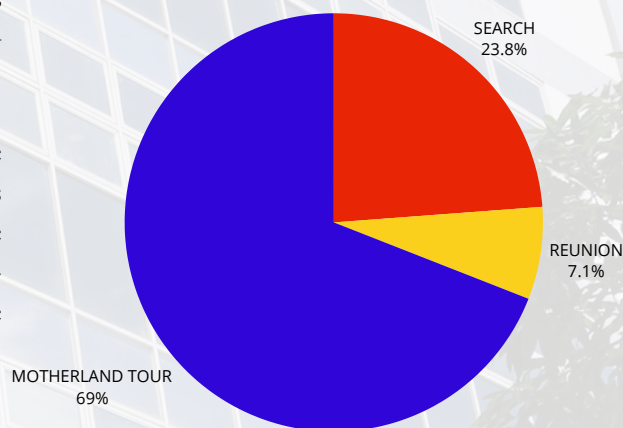
POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
SUCCESSFUL SEARCH	8	1	0	1	10
REUNION	1	1	1	0	3
MOTHERLAND TOUR	6	7	13	3	29

The goal for successful reunions between adult adoptees and their birth families is to achieve 100% of the actual number of adoptees who travel to the Philippines seeking reunion. In 2023, three (3) adoptees successfully reunited with their birth families.

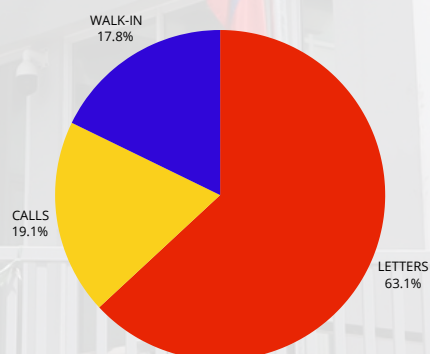
Twenty-nine (29) adoptees participated in the Motherland Tour in the Philippines. They visited various tourist destinations to explore their roots and immerse themselves in the local culture. During the tour, they reconnected with their child-caring agencies and visited the NACC office.

Additionally, thirteen (13) successful searches were concluded within the year, with the highest number of successful searches occurring in the first quarter (8 cases).



ADOPTION INQUIRIES

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
LETTERS	149	73	98	56	376
CALLS	64	17	14	19	114
WALK IN	74	26	26	13	106



A total of five hundred ninety-six (596) inquiries were addressed regarding the specifics of the Philippine ICA Law, particularly regarding relative adoption, including its process, procedures, and requirements. The majority of these inquiries, amounting to three hundred seventy-six (376), were received via email. The data indicates that the highest number of inquiries were received during the first quarter.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

PHILIPPINE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE WEEK



BISIG-KLETA: A bike ride for a cause

NACC and RACCs nationwide conducted BISIG-KLETA – a bike ride for a cause – in partnership with various NACC stakeholders and support communities. The event not only gathered bike enthusiasts but also foster and adoptive families and other support groups. BISIG-KLETA was participated by Cycle House and Go for Gold. Hundreds of bikers wearing advocacy t-shirts drove around Quezon Avenue and G. Araneta Avenue in Quezon City while onlookers cheered for adoption and the #EveryChildMatters hashtag.



Adoption Advocacy Concert

In the evening, the Adoption Advocacy Concert in Quezon City Circle gathered a thousand music enthusiasts as contemporary Original Pinoy Music (OPM) artists performed such as Cooky Chua, Bayang Barrios, Noel Cabangon, Gary Granada, Sitti Navarro, Ice Seguerra, Luke Mejares, Faith Cuneta, C H N D T R, Radha, Dan Billano Mulatto Band, Jules C McGeown, and Galajuan.

It aims to inform and encourage the public about the importance of the adoption process, foster care program, and other alternative child care methods.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

17TH PHILIPPINE GLOBAL CONSULTATION ON CHILD WELFARE SERVICES



The Philippine Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services (Global Consultation) is a commitment of NACC to its local and international partners. It is a venue where local and international adoption specialists meet and discuss issues and concerns affecting the adoption of Filipino children. The Global Consultation is participated in by Foreign Central Authorities, Foreign Adoption Agencies, local Child Caring and Placing Agencies, Foreign Embassies/Consular Offices, Family Courts, and local government units.

Major activities during the consultation will be plenary sessions and open fora. The activities will provide the participants a venue to meet, draw lessons from shared experiences, formulate appropriate strategies, and enhance knowledge on issues relevant to inter-country adoption.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

Networking and Advocacy

FOSTER CARE NATIONAL CONGRESS



The NACC has conducted a capability building activity to selected foster parents nationwide to further hone their knowledge and skills in parenting foster children based on the children's rights. There were respite care activities included and an awarding ceremony to foster parents as recognition for providing proper care and nurturance to their foster children.

MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

Institutional Development and Organizational Strengthening



5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING

NACC has conducted the development of the agency's Five-year Strategic Plan in 2023. The agency requested the assistance of the Development Academy of the Philippines to help facilitate a series of workshops to prepare and guide the institution in its formulation of the strategic plan for fiscal years 2023-2028.

March 2023 – Component 1: Environmental Scanning and SWOT Analysis;

August 2023 – Component 2: NACC Strategic Planning Workshop;

September 2023 - Component 3: Clean Up Sessions

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

GAD - On July 24 to 28, 2023, a Seminar-Workshop on the Formulation of the NACC Gender & Development Agenda was held. The 5-day training workshop was based on the standard design of the Philippine Commission on Women and the personal inputs of the GAD resource persons. There was a review of the basic gender and development concepts focusing on what is sex and gender, what is gender mainstreaming in child care, gender and social inclusion, gender development, gender analysis, common tools in gender mainstreaming, and the 7 steps of the agency's 6-year Gender plan



MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

Institutional Development and Organizational Strengthening

TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION (TBRI)

On July 9 to 12, 2023, a 3-day workshop to provide those professionals serving children and families with an overview of Trust-based Relational Intervention was facilitated in partnership with All God's Children International. They've invited key child welfare professionals and caregivers in the National Capital Region to attend the training



CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS



The Agency is committed to upholding the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713) among all employees. Accountability is driven by responsibility and competency. The aim is to create an efficient collaboration. Therefore a 5-day Capacity Building program for Social Workers was held last 13-17 November and 20-25 November. The topics covered were case management, work etiquette, and MS Office skills to enhance employees efficiency



MAJOR ACTIVITY CONDUCTED

Institutional Development and Organizational Strengthening



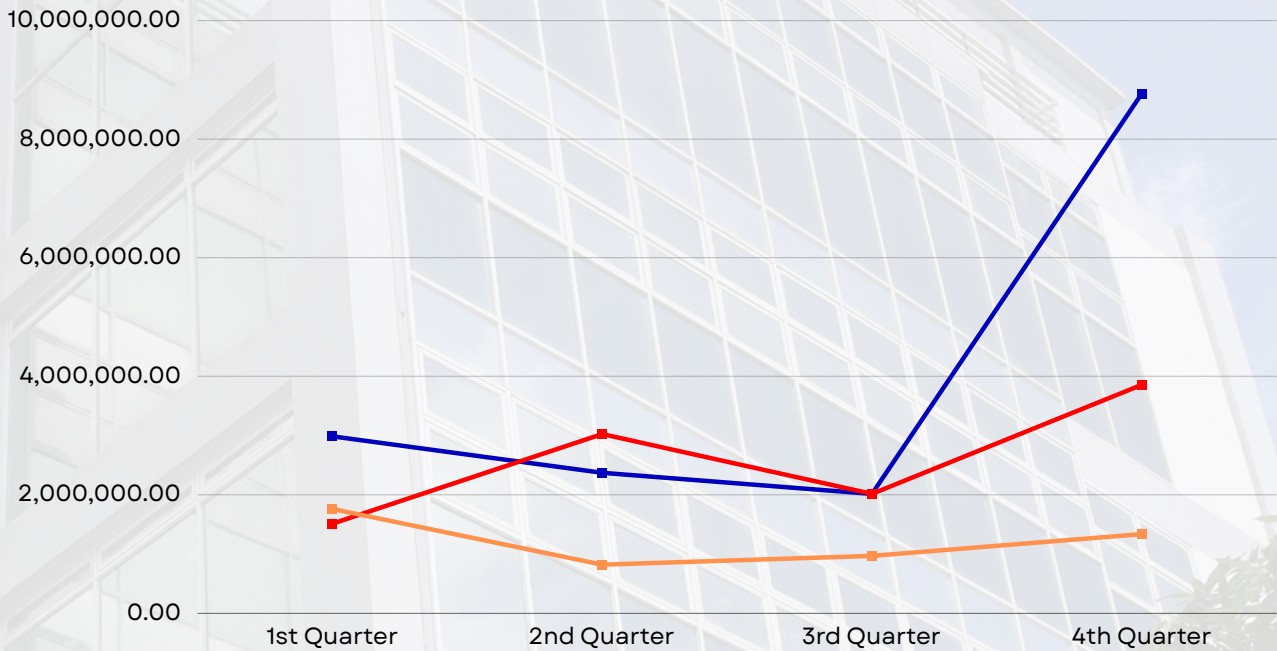
PROGRAM REVIEW AND EVALUATION WORKSHOP



For 2023, the agency used McKinsey's 7S Framework to assess the overall implementation (commonly referred to as Program Review & Evaluation Workshop) of Adoption and Alternative Child Care. Under this model, there are hard (Strategy, Structure, and Systems) and soft elements (Style, Shared Values, Skills, and Staff). The seven (7) elements are the pillars of the agency and essential for its continued existence. The hard components are identifiable variables since these are found in policies or written documents and could be changed if needed, to achieve better results. While the soft components are intangible and sometimes less attention is given to these areas.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Income Earned from Fees and Charges as of December 2023



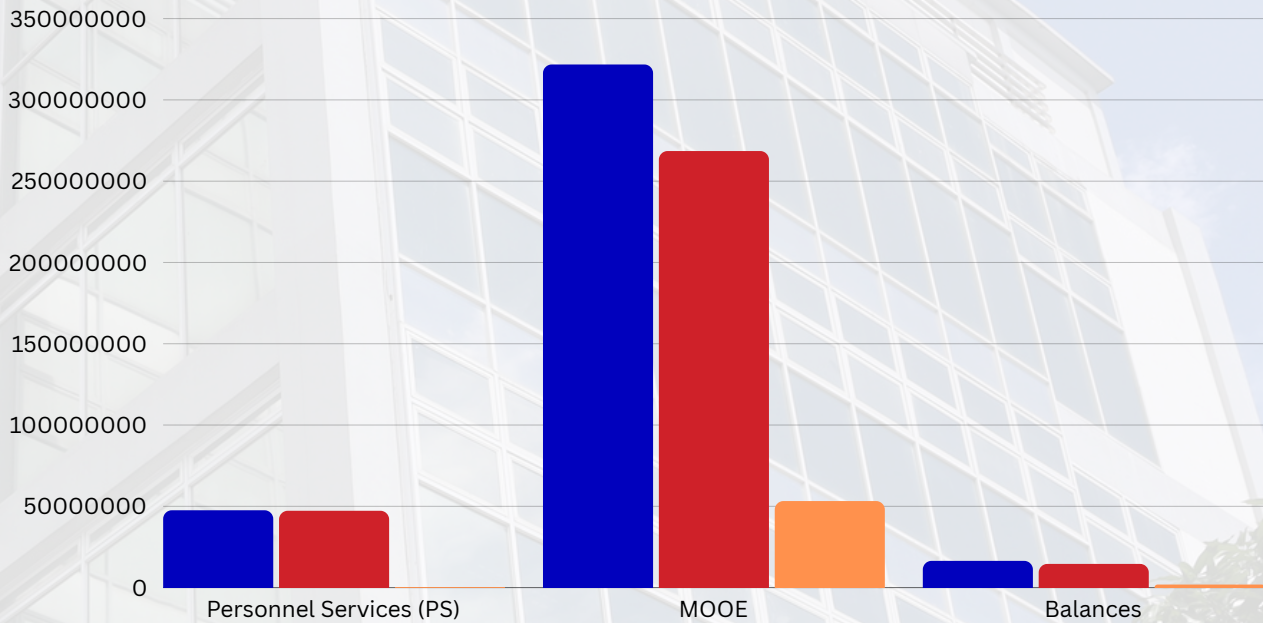
	2021	2022	2023
1st Quarter	2,986,080.00	1,512,525.80	1,761,500.00
2nd Quarter	2,371,277.88	3,024,782.20	821,245.00
3rd Quarter	2,014,978.52	2,015,953.14	969,695.84
4th Quarter	8,767,454.02	3,855,042.63	1,336,446.56
Total	16,139,790.42	10,408,303.77	4,888,887.46

In the specified period, the NACC has accumulated a total income of Four million, eight hundred eighty-eight thousand, eight hundred eighty-seven pesos, and forty-six centavos (4,888,887.46) from fees and charges. This amount signifies a substantial segment of our overall revenue for the period under review.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Statement of Allotment, Obligation, & Balances as of December 30, 2023

Current Year Appropriation



	Total Allotment Received	Obligations Incurred	Unobligated Balances of Allotment
PS	47,574,807.00	47,255,688.92	319,118.08
MOOE	321,773,500.00	268,536,628.47	53,236,871.53
Capital Outlay	16,445,000.00	14,573,644.00	1,871,356.00
	385,793,307.00	330,365,961.39	55,427,345.61

As of the reporting date, the total obligation incurred stands at three hundred thirty million, three hundred sixty-five thousand, three hundred sixty-one pesos, and thirty-nine centavos (330,365,361.39). This figure reflects the cumulative financial commitments made during the specified period under review representing 85.63% of the fund utilization. This percentage indicates the extent to which the allocated funds have been utilized or committed.

STRENGTHS

- **Policy Development:** Following the enactment of RA 11642 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the NACC crafted the Omnibus Guidelines on Adoption and Alternative Child Care with the guidance of implementers and social workers to ensure an optimized process on adoption and alternative child care.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Rigorously conducted Monitoring Visits and Technical Assistance (MVTA) to RACCOs, CCAs/CPAs, and various LGUs on the implementation of RA 11642.
- Developed monitoring tools for foster parents and foster children as guided by the Foster Care Social Workers for red flags in the child's placement in foster care.
- **Expertise and Specialization:** A pool of experts, which comprised the Child Placement Committee at the Regional, Interregional, and Intercountry levels facilitates the immediate deliberation of PAPs' application, matching of children, and issuance of necessary clearance of children for interregional or intercountry adoption.
- Creation of Technical Working Group on Alternative Child Care and its sub-committee on KAYA ko! (Kaalaman at Abilidad, Yamang Angkin ko!) to develop programs and services for aging-out foster children in preparation for independent living where they can thrive and become productive citizens.
- **Coordination with Stakeholders:** Rebrand the AKBB into the Philippine Foster Care Program (PFCP) expanding its implementation from a single barangay to the whole LGU (municipality/city or provincial) and removing the counterpart subsidy from LGU, which encouraged the interest and participation of several municipalities and cities to enter into a MOA with NACC.
- Collaboration with the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) for the inclusion of Adoption and Alternative Child Care in the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) in the sub-indicator and rating system under the Protection and Governance Indicator
- **Advocacy and Awareness:** Launched a campaign against illegal adoption online such as the selling of babies and the unborn via Facebook
- Increased number of placement of children under Special Home Finding or older children, sibling groups, and children with special needs through the developed advocacy and strategies
- Established public awareness of the fresh mandate of the NACC and the streamlined processes and systems of Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child care
- Successfully introduced NACC and RACCOs to traditional media as the country's central authority on alternative child care
- Public acceptance of the ongoing AMPON campaign to help foster a positive environment for adoption and curb its stigma
- Build strong partnerships with local and foreign stakeholders through the Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services

CHALLENGES

1. Inter-agency Partnership:

- The Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) has yet to issue guidelines on registering the Order of Adoption and issuing a new birth certificate for the child/adoptee under RA 11642.
- Some local civil registrars (LCRs) are not yet aware of the importance of registering foundling children/adults under RA 11767. The PSA has not yet issued guidelines on the registration of COLB of foundling children; hence, LCRs are not guided on how to register the COLB, which delays the processing of CDCLAA.
- Slow developments in inter-agency partnership with the NBI and the need to engage ICT to identify, track, and prosecute perpetrators.

2. Limited Access:

- There are challenges in securing documentary requirements, i.e., psychological evaluation of children and PAPs, pediatric developmental assessment, etc., due to the limited number of service providers/psychologists in the area and the cost of such evaluations.
- A limited number of Foreign Adoption Agencies that provide a program which enables the placement of children with special needs

3. Human Resource Allocation

- The number of approved plantilla positions does not complement the overall functions of the Divisions/Units.



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